

REMARKS

Applicants request the entry of the changes in the specification requested above. It is believed that no new matter has been added by virtue of the amendments made to the specification.

Applicants submit herewith a revised Sequence Listing pages 1-21 to include as a revised sequence listing as part of this Application. The pages of the revised Sequence Listing are provided in both paginated and unpaginated format. Please enter the revised Sequence Listing and renumber the pages of the Sequence Listing along with those of the claims and the abstract accordingly.

Further enclosed is a computer readable copy of the above-mentioned copy of the Sequence Listing. That copy is the same as the copy of the Sequence Listing.

Also enclosed is a Statement in Support of Filing and Submissions in Accordance with 37 CFR 1.821-1.825, which declares that the content of the paper and the computer readable copies of the Sequence Listing submitted in accordance with 37 CFR 1.821 (c) and (e), respectively, are the same and that the submission, filed in accordance with 37 CFR 1.821 (g) does not introduce new matter.

The replacement Sequence Listing and amendment to the specification are submitted to in response to the Communication mailed April 16, 2004, and the ensuing telephone conference with the Examiner. Support for the present amendments can be found throughout the application including the claims and drawings as filed originally. No new matter has been added by virtue of the amendments.

CONCLUSION

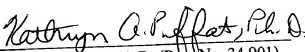
In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the present application is respectfully considered in condition for allowance. An early reconsideration and notice of allowance are earnestly solicited.

It is believed that all outstanding rejections have been addressed by this submission and that all the claims are in condition for allowance. If discussion of any amendment or remark made herein would advance this important case to allowance, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned as soon as convenient.

Applicants hereby request a two-month extension of time for the Amendment and accompanying materials and hereby submit the requisite fee accordingly. If a petition for an additional extension of time is required, then the Examiner is requested to treat this as a conditional petition for an additional extension of time. Although it is not believed that any additional fee (in addition to the fee concurrently submitted) is required to consider this submission, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge our deposit account no. 04-1105 should any fee be deemed necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

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